

Education; the process of acquiring the skills and knowledge to do things. It's studying English and Maths, because that's what you're going to need in life....

Trust me, you do.

But it's practical too. Like learning how to fix your 'gubbed', hand-me-down BMX.

Not everywhere has the same access to free education that we do, and children in poverty are forced to work hard, demanding, dangerous jobs instead of learning skills to lift themselves out of poverty.

Put it this way. In this life if you know stuff, you'll be alright.

If you can plant crops you can feed your family. If you can build or fix things you'll be in demand. And if you can read and write you've a better chance of finding a job and earning a living.

Now I want to tell you more about some people who do know about stuff.

Have you heard about Kousalya?

She's from India, a rural village, with not a lot going for it. No development, no prospects, nothing. And no one seemed to be doing a thing about it.

Kousalya was looking for a role model. She couldn't find one. So she decided to be one herself.

She built a library, and she made the local council put a bus stop in her village so children can travel to school. She's a local celebrity, very cool.

Did I mention Kousalya is still at school?

Before, no one took education very seriously. People were poor. They thought learning was the least of their worries.

But Kousalya used her knowledge to make the village a better place, and give other children the chance of a quality education.

Now, we need to talk about Kelvin.

He's pretty impressive.

Kelvin is 15, from Sierra Leone, where war and violence have forced millions of children out of education and swapped the pencils in their hands with guns.

They were just children, like Kelvin.

He could have easily gone down that way too, but Kelvin was lucky. He got a place at a summer school. It turns out he has a knack for inventing.

He built a radio station, literally! He built microphones, broadcast equipment, generators for power.

He even built an FM transmitter, all from discarded scrap. Now he's on the airwaves, everyone listens to Kelvin.

He brings joy to a whole community, and improve the lives of others. Just think, if Kelvin hadn't been given the chance to find his calling.

Do you see how access to education, whatever that looks like, developing tools and skills, means opportunities to improve your life and the lives of others?